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Group Art Unit 3724

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**FIRST AMENDMENT**

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004. Please cancel claims 16-20, 22-24 and 16-29 without prejudice and please amend the remaining claims as specified below. Applicant's remarks begin on page 8.

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